

Remarks

Claims 15-17, 20-22, 24-32 are now pending in this application. The applicant has amended claims 15-17, 20-22, and 24-32 and cancelled claims 1-14, 18-19, and 23. The applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner rejected claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as having an insufficient antedecent basis for "said template or image comparison technique" in line 3. The claim has now been amended by replacing "said" by "a".

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publ. No. 2001/0002216 to Chuang et al, claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publ. No. 2001/0002216 to Chuang et al in view of U.S. Patent 4,693,577 to Sasagaki, claims 1-4, 8, 14-17, 25, and 29-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publ. No. 2001/0002216 to Chuang et al in view of U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0181762 to Silber.

However, the Examiner found allowable subject matter in claims 19-22, 24, and 26-28. The claims have now been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 15 and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and an allowance of the application is foreseen. In the event there are any questions concerning these amendments, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Additional fee for the two-month extension of time is believed to be due at this time. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the necessary fees from deposit Account No. 501249.

Respectfully submitted,

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